



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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August 21 Is the Deadline to File Request for Public Assistance

Missouri received an Emergency Disaster Declaration on July 21, 2006 for Public Assistance for Debris Removal (Category A), and Emergency Protective Actions (Category B). All jurisdictions within Dent, Iron, Jefferson, St. Charles, Washington and St. Louis Counties and the City of St. Louis have until **August 21, 2006** to file a Request for Public Assistance.

Oregon County Added to Emergency Declaration FEMA Denies State's Disaster Declaration Request

SEMA Deputy Director Duane Nichols announced jurisdictions and certain non-profit organizations in Oregon County will be eligible to receive federal disaster public assistance for debris removal and emergency protective actions from the storms July 19-21, 2006. However, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) denied Missouri's Disaster request for Individual Assistance, expanded Public Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation assistance for the same storms. Additionally, the State's request to add Franklin and Reynolds Counties to the disaster declaration was also denied by FEMA.

"The President and FEMA rapidly approved Missouri's request for an Emergency Disaster Declaration after July 19-21 storms. The Emergency Declaration played a vital role in the immediate disaster response to save lives by both the state agencies and local governments," Nichols said.

"However, based on the joint federal, state, and local Preliminary Damage Assessments conducted in those cities and counties affected by the storms, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has determined that the severity and magnitude of the damages was not of sufficient impact to warrant a major disaster declaration," Nichols said.

"Based on the Preliminary Damage Assessments conducted in Dent, Iron, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis, Washington Counties and the City of St. Louis, the Federal Emergency Management Agency determined the severity and magnitude of the damages was not of sufficient impact to warrant a major disaster declaration," Blunt said.

The Emergency Disaster Declaration for the six counties and the City of St. Louis was for Public Assistance for Debris Removal and Emergency Protective Actions. Missouri has 30 days to appeal FEMA's decision and provide additional information

Homeland Security Planning Class for Local Governments, August 22-24

SEMA is offering *Homeland Security Planning for Local Governments*, August 22-24, at the Drury Inn, Sikeston. Send completed application to: Tina Brown, Assistant State Training Officer P.O. Box 116, Jefferson City, MO 65102, Phone: (573) 526-9215, Fax: (573) 634-7966, or fill out an application online at <http://training.dps.mo.gov> by August 15.

Participants will learn how to evaluate, revise, or develop a homeland security appendix to their jurisdictions existing Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Key issues addressed are vulnerability analysis,

command and control for homeland security events. This course builds on existing emergency response systems addressed in the local EOP. Participants must bring a current copy of their EOP and a map of their jurisdiction to the training. This course supplements EMI's Emergency Planning Workshop.

2006 State LEPC Conference Set for September 21-22, Springfield

The Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC) and the Springfield/Greene County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) are jointly sponsoring the 2006 State LEPC conference, September 21-22, in Springfield.

Keynote speakers are Dr. Jerry Jaax (Emergency Preparedness, Response and Bioterrorism), and Mary Fran Ernst (Are You Sure It's A Natural Death?). There will be workshops on Communication/Public Relations, Health & Trauma, Homeland Security/Terrorism, and OSHA/Safety. A CAMEO Training Session will also be offered. Registration is \$100. For more information contact Carolyn Fink at Springfield/Greene County EMA (417) 869-6040.

SEMA's Training Schedule Posted to Homepage

Be sure to check SEMA's new training schedule often! New classes may be added throughout the year. Here is the link: <http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/TrainingSchedule?OpenForm>

HDER Equipment Program -- Up and Running

The **Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER)** Program is available to provide surplus radiological detection instrumentation and other equipment, as well as training and long-term technical support, to emergency responder agencies to enhance their homeland security preparedness capabilities. This grant is open to all first responders.

The website to access the list of equipment is <http://www.rkb.mipt.org/>. An account is needed to obtain the list of equipment.

The fiscal year begins in October and the equipment is ordered in the last month of the quarter. First quarter (Oct 1 - Dec 30) order date is December 1. Second quarter (Jan 1 - Mar 31) order date is March 1. Third quarter (April 1 - June 30) order date is June 1. Fourth quarter (July 1 - September 30) order date is September 1. Please send your list by mail, fax or email, by the date on the table below. Late orders will not be accepted.

Once the items are received by SEMA, you will be contacted to make arrangements for pick up. This is a first come-first serve grant. For more information, contact Brian Ingram, Homeland Security Grant Program Specialist, at SEMA, P. O. Box 116, Jefferson City, MO 65102. His telephone is 573-526-9227, or Fax: 573-526-9262. His email is: Brian.Ingram@sema.dps.mo.gov

Homeland Security Grant Deadlines Approaching

Reminder, the deadline for spending approved Extension Requests is quickly approaching. Please check your particular award for the deadline. NO additional extension requests will be available on FY 03-2 or FY 04.

- **FY 03-2 — ends 10/31/2006**
- **FY 04 — ends November 30, 2006.**
- **FY 05 spending is expected to be complete in either January or February 2007.**

Area Coordinator Meetings

Area A:	10 a.m., Sept. 7, 2006	Johnson Co. EMA, Warrensburg
Area B:	6:30 p.m., Sept. 19, 2006	Kirkville Fire Department

Area G: 11:30 a.m., Sept. 13, 2006
Area H: 1 p.m., Sept. 12, 2006

Hillbilly Junction, Willow Springs
Public Safety Bldg, Cameron

Citizen Corps Conference Set for September 28

The Cole County Citizen Corp will host a one-day conference at SEMA on September 28 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It will be an opportunity to learn more about programs and activities going on around the state and a chance to network with other Citizen Corps. For more information contact: Lisa Binkley, Citizen Corp Coordinator - Cole County at 573-690-6952.

Moody Appointed to CMSU Advisory Board

Steve Moody (SEMA Operations Branch Chief) will be serving on the Curriculum Advisory Board in the Department of Safety Sciences of Central Missouri State University (CMSU), Warrensburg. The Advisory Board is made up of professionals in the emergency management field that review and add input to strengthen the degree program for current and future students. Board members review curriculum of current and proposed courses of study for students working toward a four-year degree in Crisis and Disaster Management. Moody graduated from CMSU with BS '80 and MS '82 in Criminal Justice Administration.

NIMS Compliance Update

By O.J. Stone, Training Officer

SEMA Training Section continues to receive numerous queries from responders and local government officials regarding NIMS compliance and deadlines. **The Compliance Deadline is September 30, 2006.** In an effort to clear up some of the confusion as we approach our first deadline for compliance, the following basic information is offered:

- IS-700: All Emergency Responders is for First-Line Supervisors, Mid-level Response Supervisors, Senior-level Response Managers, and Elected Officials.
- IS-100: All Emergency Responders is for First-line Supervisors, Mid-level Response Supervisors, Senior-level Response Managers, and Elected Officials.
- IS-200: First-Line Supervisors is for Mid-level Response Supervisors, and Senior-level Response Managers.
- IS-800: Mid-level Response Managers, and Senior-level Response Managers.

When determining who should take training, one should examine what position an individual might be assigned to handle during an actual incident within the jurisdiction. If an individual would conceivably be placed within the structure of the response to an incident, that individual should complete the NIMS training appropriate to that level/position. In addition, any person who has assigned re-sponsibilities within the local Emergency Operations Plan should complete appropriate levels of training.

The deadlines for completion of the IS-300 and IS-400 courses have been continued into FY2007, with a compliance date of September 30, 2007.

Cape Girardeau to Host RCPI Course

“Creating Vigilant, Prepared, and Resilient Communities for Homeland Security” will be offered October 12-13 at the Osage Community Center, Cape Girardeau. The Missouri-Regional Community Policing Institute (RCPI), the Western Regional-RCPI, and the Department of Homeland Security’s Domestic Preparedness Department are sponsoring the course.

Class participants will learn strategies and skills necessary to help them become more effective in creating vigilant, prepared and resilient communities for homeland security. Topics include Logistics, Problem Solving, Group Dynamics, Community Policing, Ethics, Defining Community Responsibility and Homeland Security.

MoDOT, Highway Patrol Have Role in Bus Traffic Safety

By Steve Billings, Administrator of Transit

MoDOT - Multimodal Operations Division - Transit Section

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recently released their investigation of a fatal fire on a PRIVATE for-hire bus company vehicle during the Hurricane Rita evacuation in Texas. Who inspects buses in Missouri?

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) regulates passenger motor carriers and inspects buses. The Safety and Compliance Section (Enforcement Section) of the Motor Carrier Services Division is responsible for the inspections. MoDOT's Motor Carrier Safety programs web link is: <http://www.modot.org/mcs/safety/index.htm>

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division of the Missouri Highway Patrol has inspection and enforcement responsibilities for commercial vehicles operating on Missouri's highways. Their web site is located at: <http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/PatrolDivisions/CVE/index.html>

MoDOT's Transit Section in the Multimodal Operations Division provides financial assistance (grant funding) and technical assistance (including safety) for PUBLIC transit agencies and non-profit specialized transportation providers in Missouri. The inspections are limited to new transit vehicles jointly procured by MoDOT funds, as well as periodic site inspections of those public transit agencies and non-profit organizations receiving transit grant funds from MoDOT. The Transit Section inspects MoDOT grant funded vehicles operated by municipalities. Information on MoDOT's Multimodal Programs can be found at the following link: <http://www.modot.org/othertransportation/index.htm>

Flu/Cold Cough Etiquette

In light of a possible pandemic, seasonal Influenza, and colds, the Center of Disease Control is publicizing "Flu/Cold Cough Etiquette." This simple and common sense etiquette will play a major role in keeping citizens healthy this winter.

- Cough into a tissue or along sleeved shirt to reduce the spread of airborne influenza or cold germs. Throw the contaminate tissue away.
- Scrub your hands with warm soapy water for 20 seconds (the time it takes to sing Twinkle Little Star).
- If you are sick, stay home. Call school or work to let them know you are ill.
- Avoid crowded venues where people may spread germs by unprotected coughing.

New Rules for Air Travel

Here is the link to the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) new list of security procedures all airline travelers must follow when traveling, at least in the U.S. (it may well be tougher at some overseas locations): <http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/assistant/new-procedures.shtm>

Blunt Issues Executive Order to Facilitate Timely Transit Response in Emergency Situations

Gov. Matt Blunt issued Executive Order 06-29 permitting the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Director to temporarily suspend certain commercial motor vehicle regulations in response to emergencies. The Executive Order will expire January 1, 2007.

The executive order allows the MoDOT to issue an emergency declaration of a regional emergency in order to temporarily suspend the usual requirements for motor carriers and drivers operating a commercial

vehicle. If the MoDOT director issues an emergency declaration, drivers of motor carriers and commercial vehicles providing emergency assistance may receive a temporary suspension from the Title 49, Federal Code of Regulations Parts 390-399.

The director may also direct that commercial motor vehicle regulatory requirements regarding the purchase of trip permits for registration and fuel be waived for those bringing supplies to the devastated areas. The executive order also allows for over-dimension and over-weight permits to be issued for commercial motor carriers engaged in interstate and intrastate disaster relief efforts.

Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) Grant Applications Open

By Tom Mohr, SEMA HS Program Manager

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced applications are being accepted for the fiscal year 2006 (FY 2006) Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP). The FY 2006 program is slated to provide more than \$32 million in equipment to first responders in selected rural and smaller communities who are typically not eligible for funding through the department's Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. **The application period closes September 22, 2006.**

CEDAP provides smaller communities and rural areas with technology and equipment, together with training and technical assistance, to help enhance first responder capabilities throughout the nation. CEDAP provides resources such as communications interoperability equipment, information sharing technology, chemical detection devices, sensors, personal protective equipment, and rescue tools and training in how to use the equipment, devices, and technology.

Eligible applicants include law enforcement agencies, fire, and other emergency responders who demonstrate in their application that the equipment will be used to improve their ability and capacity to respond to a major critical incident or improve their ability to work with other first responder. **Eligible applicants include agencies and departments not currently receiving funding from either the St. Louis area or the Kansas City area UASIs.**

To submit an application for an FY 2006 CEDAP award, applicants should visit www.rkb.mipt.org/. Once submitted, the application undergoes several steps, including approval by the applicant's respective State Administrative Agency (SAA), and a review board composed of subject matter experts.

You can access information on the SEMA Website at: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/terrorlinks.htm>. This website will also give you access to the RKG. Read the CEDAP Briefing Book before you sign into the RKB. Sign into the RKB as a guest, go to "Search the RKB, highlight "Major Programs" and select "Homeland Security Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP)" this will take you to the CEDAP application.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Grant Applications Extended

SEMA is taking applications for grant funds from the 2005 Homeland Security Grant Program that will be used for CERT training. Due to some confusion with earlier requirements and documents associated with the FY 2005 CERT grant, the deadline for applications has been extended and the grant package has been revised. If you have already submitted a FY 2005 CERT application, there is no need to reapply.

The FY 2005 CERT funds will be awarded in two cycles on a competitive basis. **The first cycle is for FY 2005 CCP awardees.** CERT applications and budget worksheets from FY 2005 Citizen Corps Program (CCP) awardees are due to SEMA by the close of business on **August 29, 2006**. The second cycle is for

non-FY 2005 CCP awardees. CERT applications and budget worksheets from non-FY 2005 CCP awardees are due to SEMA by the close of business on **September 15, 2006.**

FY 2005 CERT funds have been split among those receiving FY 2005 Citizen Corps Program (CCP) grant awards and those not receiving CCP grant awards. There is a total of \$225,000 available statewide for CCP awardees and \$75,000 available statewide for non-CCP awardees. The FY 2005 CERT grant application packet is available on the SEMA web site at <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/05CERTGrant.htm>.

For more information please contact: Matt Nutt at 573-526-9223, email: matt.nutt@sema.dps.mo.us or Debbie Rathert at 573-526-9224, email: debbie.rathert@sema.dps.mo.us

SEMA Needs Your Input On Statewide Training Needs Assessment Survey

By O. J. Stone, SEMA Training Officer

The Statewide Training Needs Assessment Project will help SEMA to identify unmet training needs of the responder organizations and communities within the State of Missouri. The 50 question annual survey gives SEMA the capability to analyze training needs both statewide, and for specific areas, and specific disciplines. SEMA will use the survey information to provide training that will best fit the needs of responders within their specific geographic and jurisdictional locations. For the purposes of this initial survey, all Missouri counties EMDs and City EMDS with a population of 3000 are asked to coordinate with local responder disciplines to participate in the on-line survey **before September 1, 2006.**

“Homeland Security Coordinator Paul Fennwald and I have had many conversations with first responders who feel out-state Missouri in not getting the type of training needed. This survey will help SEMA address those training needs. When local training is offered, it will be the locals responsibility to fill the evening and weekend class offers,” said SEMA Deputy Director Duane Nichols.

The Training Needs Assessment survey is designed to accept input from: Public Works, Fire Service, Public Health, Law Enforcement, HazMat, Emergency Management, Volunteer Organizations, Health Care (Hospitals), Emergency Medical Services, Government Administration, and Public Safety Communications

Access the survey on-line at <http://survey.dps.mo.gov/>. When you log onto the system, the User name is **semasurvey**. The Password is **Survey2006** (Note: user name and password are case sensitive). Follow on-line instructions to complete survey. For more information or questions contact: O.J. Stone, SEMA Training Officer, at 573-526-9256 or OJ.Stone@sema.dps.mo.gov

PPE Training for LEA/EMS Personnel

If your organization received Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) through the LEA/EMS program in FY2004, training is still available to help your personnel learn to correctly use the equipment. Please contact the State Training Office, Jim Charrier (573-526-9120) or Debbie Cheshire (573-526-9111) to arrange training.